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General Information

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Unit Convenor

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is an introductory Modern Greek language unit designed for beginners or near beginners. Its chief objective is to assist students in the acquisition of elementary oral and written skills in Modern Greek. The vocabulary and grammatical concepts covered in this unit aim to develop a solid foundation in the language, so that students may confidently communicate and correctly construct simple sentences in Greek. The context in which vocabulary and grammar are taught also exposes students to important aspects of Greek culture. The unit is offered both on campus and externally.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.

Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly

articulated; identify the main point of TV news items reporting events, accidents etc. where the visual supports the commentary; follow changes of topic of factual TV news items, and form an idea of the main content.

Writing: write short, simple formulaic notes relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because” using at the same time successfully language topics and grammar functions of Greek language.

Spoken Interaction: interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations, provided the other person helps if necessary; manage simple, routine exchanges without undue effort; ask and answer questions and exchange ideas and information on familiar topics in predictable everyday situations; communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar matters to do with work and free time using at the same time successfully Greek language topics and grammar functions.

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Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Homework / participation</u>	20%	Weekly
<u>First grammar test</u>	10%	Week 4
<u>Mid-semester class test</u>	20%	Week 8
<u>Oral test</u>	10%	Week 12
<u>Final test</u>	40%	Week 13

Homework / participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

On-going weekly homework: students are required to engage in small and medium length paragraph writing involving a variety of everyday situations; they will be asked to develop their communication skills in order to interact with Greek-speaking people at the elementary level; finally, their reading comprehension is supposed to be enhanced and elaborated to make it possible for them to understand diverse speech contexts. All students (internal and external)

have to prepare their written grammar and vocabulary homework from the textbook and/or the weekly photocopies, answer to in-class questions and engage critically with the issues that come up in each week's seminar.

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First grammar test

Due: **Week 4**

Weighting: **10%**

Written grammar test.

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Mid-semester class test

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **20%**

Mid-semester class test: students are going to be tested as to their ability to write, and comprehend everyday Greek in a variety of situations; emphasis will be on specific and fixed formulas of speech. The test will include specific grammar and vocabulary exercises and finally a listening exercise.

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Oral test

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **10%**

Students will be asked to interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations with other students.

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Final test

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

End of semester test: this is the final assessment of all grammatical knowledge and comprehension skills regarding the various topic of Greek delineated during the semester.

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Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

Lecture times and location

	Stream 1
Lecture	Tue: 9-11 W6B205
Practical	Fri: 11-1 W6B 205

For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

Required and recommended texts

- K. & F. Arvanitakis, *Epikinoniste Ellinika 1 (Communicate in Greek 1)*, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (Course textbook available at Macquarie Bookshop)
- K. & F. Arvanitakis, Exercise Book 1a, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (available at Uni Bookshop)
- K. & F. Arvanitakis, CD for *Epikinoniste Ellinika 1 (Communicate in Greek 1)*, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (available at Uni Bookshop)
- MGK101Weekly Outlines, Learning Modules & Study Materials(download from iLearn)

Other texts recommended are:

- CONCISE MODERN GREEK GRAMMAR, by Manolis Triantaphyllidis, tran. by J. B. Burke, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, 1997.
- GREEK: A COMPREHENSIVE GRAMMAR OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE, by David Holton, Peter Mackridge and Irene Philippaki-Warburton. Routledge, London, 1999.

UNIT WEBPAGE AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

- For technical support go to: http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm

Unit Schedule

Please refer to your online unit for the unit schedule - ilearn.mq.edu.au

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.
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speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; identify the main point of TV news items reporting events, accidents etc. where the visual supports the commentary; follow changes of topic of factual TV news items, and form an idea of the main content.

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Assessment tasks

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- First grammar test
- Mid-semester class test
- Oral test
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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally

and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Late Assignment Policy

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.